GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – Commercial Taxes Department – Allegation of corruption and possession of assets disproportionate to the known sources of income against Sri A. Ayodhya Sarma, formerly Assistant Commercial Tax Officer (Intelligence), Charminar Division, Hyderabad (now Retired) –Convicted by the Principal Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Hyderabad and upheld by Hon'ble High Court – Punishment of withholding of pension and gratuity in full permanently imposed – Accused Officer filed Special Leave Petition before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India – SLP allowed – Punishment setaside – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (Ms.) No. 303.

Dt:02.04.2011.
Read the following:-

1) G.O. Ms. No.306, Revenue (Vig.I) Deptt., dt.10.03.2006.

- 2) Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, orders dt.27.10.2010 in Crl. Appeals No.919 of 2005.
- 3) Sri A. Ayodhya Sarma, ACTO (Retd.) Representation, dt.Nil.

ORDER:

Whereas in the reference 1st read above, orders were issued imposing a punishment of withholding of pension and gratuity in full permanently against Sri A. Ayodha Sarma, formerly Assistant Commercial Tax Officer (Intelligence), Charminar Division, Hyderabad (now Retired), on the ground of conduct which led to his conviction on a criminal charge.

- 2) And whereas, Sri A. Ayodha Sarma, Assistant Commercial Tax Officer (Retired) has approached the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India by filing Special Leave Petition (Crl) No.919/2005. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the reference 2nd read above, among others, opined that the gold in question belonged to the brother of appellant and if we deduct the value of gold from the list showing assets of the appellant, there are no assets disproportionate to the known sources of income of the appellant and accordingly, allowed the appeal and set-aside the impugned judgment and order of the High Court.
- 3) And whereas in the reference 3rd read above, Sri A. Ayodhya Sarma, Assistant Commercial Tax Officer (Retd.) has requested the Government to drop further action against him and to regularize his service in the cadres to which he is due on promotion and grant pension and pensionary benefits; keeping in view the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- 4) After careful examination of the matter in detail, Government, hereby decided to supersede the orders issued in the reference 1st read above and to release the full pensionary benefits and also to give notional promotion, if any, due to him and accordingly set-aside the punishment of withholding of pension and gratuity in full permanently against Sri A. Ayodha Sarma, formerly Assistant Commercial Tax Officer (Intelligence), Charminar Division, Hyderabad (now Retired), as ordered in GO 1st read above.

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5) The Commissioner of Commercial Taxes shall take necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASUTOSH MISHRA, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

Sri A. Ayodhya Sarma, Assistant Commercial Tax Officer (Retd.) through the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, A.P., Hyderabad. The Revenue (CT.I) Department for taking further necessary action in respect of notional promotion, if any.

Copy to:-

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad. The Secretary, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Secretariat, Hyderabad. The Pay and Accounts Officer, Hyderabad. The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Hyderabad. The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad. File/SF/SCs.

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SECTION OFFICER